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ASPECTS OF HARMONY.

It looks as if the trouble with harmony now was a fight between the old administration and the new—between Carter and Atkinson on one side and the friends of Governor Frear on the other. People who would like to return to the ways of the old administration have a right to be overjoyed. As to others they have different views and would prefer to settle the living questions amicably without stopping to observe the proprieties of a resurrection day for which Gabriel hasn't blown any horn.

COLOMBIA'S ATTITUDE.

Colombia does not want a visit from the American Secretary of State and has sent Mr. Knox word that it would be "most inopportune." The reason for this may merely be the old bitterness over Panama; or it may include with that the desire on Colombia's part to push a negotiation with some European power for the cession of coal or other naval privileges near the canal. In the latter case the presence in Colombia of the Secretary of State, being there to make a personal assertion of the Monroe doctrine and to get new guarantees for it, might be "inopportune" indeed, especially if he came in a warship.

In view of all that has occurred, one fails to see why the State Department should be "astonished" over Colombia's action. It owned the preferred canal site and wanted financial benefit of it, and nobody really doubts, certainly, no one in Colombia, that American influence was used to promote the revolution which gave the United States a makeshift Panama government to deal with instead. That government, which was composed of cheap "generals" and politicians, promptly agreed to let the United States have the strip and was allowed to govern the rest of the republic. We have since heard Roosevelt's chuckle, in a public speech, over the success of the plan which he regarded as one of the fruits of his administration. Colombia, bereft of its greatest asset, was naturally sore, and we do not conceive it impossible that its government would gladly grant a naval station to any power in present or future rivalry with the United States which could be counted on to help it in emergencies. Colombia has ports on both oceans, which foreigners are said to covet.

The statement is made in the cablegram that, despite his rebuff and the "grave situation" which is believed to have ensued, Mr. Knox may drop into the Colombian port of Cartagena. It is interesting to speculate if, in that event, he will find it opportune to go with a considerable naval force for moral effect.

THE MEXICAN TROUBLES.

How little the republican form of government is adapted to the tastes of the mixture of Spaniards, negroes and Indians which make up the Mexican nation, is again shown by the rebellion against Madero. The latter has been in office but a few months, hardly long enough to frame a policy, yet eighteen states are more or less in insurrection. There are thirty states and territories in all. An uprising led by a brigand, Zapata, formerly in Madero's service, began nearly as soon as Madero was elected. There seems to have been no reason for it except the unduly disposition of the people, long under restraint, who, under Madero as a general, got back the taste for blood. Madero unsettled the conditions which Diaz had shaped and held together so many years with an iron hand. The free lawless life, with all its adventures and savage joys, was open to a people at last who had longed for them unavailingly for so many years. They flocked to the standard of revolt not because they cared for Madero but because they cared for revolution. Of course their leaders had excuses for the world. They expostulated about Diaz' mock elections, his gag on the press, his sudden and swift punishments, his supreme autocracy. When Madero came in by force he called a free election; he liberated the Mexican press; he supported the courts and left punishments to them; he has not been a despot since. But this mattered nothing with the natural revolutionists. They are up in arms against him just because they like fighting better than they do industry, bloodshed better than they do the sober duties of citizenship. Should the rebels win now, their leader will be the next victim unless he turns out to be the strong man without whom peace cannot be kept in Mexico. Is it not fair to say from even the most cursory study of that land, that there never has been peace in its borders without a powerful autocrat.

Diaz knew what to do. In his way he was a Napoleon. He kept the country from civil war until age overcame his strength, and he kept the peace with outsiders. Until someone else is found to do the same things by the same methods or until annexation settles the chief question, Mexico promises nothing but a career of bloodshed, ruin and pillage.

The public mention some time ago that the navy people had already done their duty by the Captain Cook monument for several years past, has borne fruit. Last Wednesday three cruisers of the visiting squadron went to Kealahou bay and a detachment of bluejackets cut away the brush, cleaned the shaft, cemented the cracks and painted the enclosing chains. Before annexation this work was done by British cruisers on their annual visits here. On annexation the American naval folk took over the care of the monument, but brush grows fast and the weather does its insidious work. If the ground for some distance about the shaft were cemented the place would not look so neglected in the long intervals between naval visits.

One reads with amazement the references of our supposed Frear contemporary to "secret meetings of the Frear crowd," the "Frearites plotting" and the like, and the suspicions of the "Kuhio-Taft crowd." Under which king, Bezonian? The question has come up before when our morning contemporary insisted that the Governor was to be investigated by that mythical commissioner. As Kuhio and McCandless also come in for vigorous knocking it must be that our contemporary has concluded to jettison everybody on board so as to make room in the cabin for a commission.

The Kona country of Hawaii once supplied California with oranges just as the Kula region did with potatoes and onions. Even now Kona produces a very good orange, and after he left here, Claus Spreckels was wont to import it for his state dinners. But for lack of cultivation of late years the quality has run down. A Southern California man is now said to be willing to go into Kona orange culture on a large and scientific scale and if he does the chances are that the old prestige of this delicious fruit will be restored.

Pinchot's coming out for Roosevelt, like the appearance in deep waters of a pilot fish, is of no particular concern of itself. The concern is about what follows, which is generally the shark. Looking behind the busy little Pinchot one may usually see the Rough Rider in the saddle or taking observations from behind a tree.

Hiram Johnson, the "progressive" governor of California, is out for Roosevelt. It is another nail in the La Follette coffin.

Tveitnoe and Clancy have been arrested in New York. They were a bit too close, evidently, to the European steamers.

Now we'll wait and see whether Yuan's coyness isn't due to Chinese etiquette.

And we had thought Carter had again come back a changed man.

Walt Mason
The Poet Philosopher

Sometimes I get tired of my writing, and think, with some heart-rending groans, of those who make business of fighting, and gather in bushels of bones. Sometimes I grow tired of the WEARINESS botches sent out to my readers as rhymes, and think of the Mahmouds and Gatches who wallow in diamonds and dimes. Sometimes I grow tired of the bustle, of breaking cheap words from their stems, and wish I was old Pastor Russell with whiskers all studded with gems. Sometimes I get tired of the million disfigurements marring my face, and wish I was lovely like Lillian, a vision of beauty and grace. My worries—I simply can't sink 'em, they float like the leaves on the rills! I wish I was Liddy E. Pinkham, dispensing my back action pills! I wish I was J. Rockefeller, with seventeen kinds of a roll, when I push myself down to the cellar, and look at what's left of the coal. But, happiness soon reappearing, I put all my gloom on the shelf, and go around whooping and cheering, and saying: "I'm glad I'm myself!"

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WALT MASON.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

GINGER MAYNE—There will be some great doings tomorrow evening when the water carnival begins.

L. L. McCANDLESS—Is it really true that half a dozen men are running the Republican party in Hawaii?

A. H. FORD—The Hands-Around banquet will be a very representative affair and many races will be seen there.

GEORGE McKINLAY—The High School team beat us fair and square on Saturday. Next season the Healanis will have a soccer team that will do great work. We will get the services of a bunch of men who, this year, played on other teams.

ENTOMOLOGIST EHRHORN—I found the people in Kohala very willing to adopt clean culture methods to keep the fruit fly pest from spreading. I think that they will get into line and do good work. They had some nice ruins while I was there. Rain was needed pretty badly.

PROFESSOR M. M. SCOTT—A gentleman, an Oriental whom I regard as the best authority here on the man and affairs of China and Japan, told me the other day that the Star's editorial on Sun Yat Sen and Yuan Shih Kai had hit the mark nearer than anything else he had seen written by a Westerner. He had cut out this and other editorials from the same source on cognate subjects for his scrapbook.

W. R. CASTLE—The proposed Chamber of Commerce building is held up at present for want of a site. We have several places in view, all near the Mahuka site of the proposed Federal building, but the owners will not sell because prices may be better if the Federal building goes up on the Mahuka site. Some of these same people are fighting the Mahuka site on the ground that it will decrease

values of the surrounding property. There's an example of consistency for you.

ASSISTANT POSTMASTER KUBBY—The mails for inter-island ports close an hour before the hour of dispatching the steamers in the morning, and three quarters of an hour before those vessels that leave late in the afternoon. That is, the Mauna Kea leaving at ten this morning, her mail closed at nine o'clock; the Claudine, the W. G. Hall or the Kinan leaving at five in the afternoon, their mails would close at four-fifteen.

COUNTY ENGINEER GERE—Road Overseer Caldwell has taken hold. The first thing he does is to reorganize the road department. Will ex-Overser Charlie Wilson get a job? He hasn't asked for one.

JOHN SMITH—In another year or two Honolulu Chinese will probably be forced for self-protection to put bars and locks on their homes and clubs at Konoiki time, as they have done for a long time past in San Francisco. One is compelled to blush for his American countrymen at some of the breaches of propriety committed by Americans in Chinatown on Saturday night. It seems impossible for many of us to imagine ourself in the other fellow's place. How many of us would stand for having our homes and clubs overrun by a horde of boisterous foreign strangers, many of them intoxicated, helping themselves to everything in sight, and treating us, their hosts, as merely objects of curiosity connected with a free show. The Chinese should issue invitations to their haole friends whom they wish to honor with their bountiful hospitality, and all others should be kept out. It is humiliating to admit, but many of our people are apparently utterly lacking in the first principles of good breeding.

THE THEATERS

Sunday in Winnipeg.
HARRY Corson Clarke, now appearing in Honolulu, tells an amusing story of a little experience that he had in Winnipeg, where he recently played a most pleasant two weeks' engagement.

Winnipeg is a most religious town, even the street cars do not run on Sunday and of course no mail is delivered. The obliging stage manager of the theater had promised to get the mail Sunday morning but Mr. Clarke, who was expecting some important matter, thought he would go himself to the postoffice. He found it open and many people getting their mail from out their own boxes. At last he found a little window where the traveler, whose name begins with C., is supposed to get his letters. He rapped gently on the glass. The window opened about an inch. "Could you tell me if there is any mail for Harry Corson Clarke?" he asked the unseen employee of the Dominion in his most persuasive tones. A gruff voice replied, "I wouldn't answer such a question on the Sabbath."

The Liberty Opening.
With a seating capacity of 1700, an absolutely fireproof building and the latest appliances known to the business, the Liberty theater will open its doors to the public Thursday night with vaudeville and moving pictures. That this house will soon prove all that is expected of it there seems little question. Although primarily a vaudeville theater, the management promises some attractions in the near future entirely new to local theatergoers, while beginning with the month of April a change of program every two weeks will be introduced in the vaudeville part of the entertainment.

Norwood at Empire.
The hypnotic work of Professor Norwood continues to be the talk of the town. It is remarkable that the interest keeps up as it does, and no doubt will until the end of his engagement here.

Norwood has found two performances each evening too strenuous for him—in fact on Friday night it seemed for a time that he could not appear in the second show, but was prevailed upon to continue after a brief hour's rest. Therefore, starting tonight and for the balance of the week the curtain will rise at 8:15 o'clock for one performance only. A number of new specialties will be shown this week.

Bijou to Have Doric Trio.
Patrons of the Savoy theater a year ago will remember the Doric Trio and the hit they made during their month's engagement, and are looking forward to their reappearance at the Bijou tomorrow night.

These people are without exception the best trio that has ever appeared here. The tall bass singer, besides having a splendid voice, is a comedian of no mean ability, and puts a swing of originality into his songs. The re-creating of this trio was a very wise move on the part of the Honolulu Amusement Company.

For tonight's vaudeville attraction the Bijou will have Bille Rader, the California soprano, who was successfully received at the Savoy last week. She will sing an Irish folk song and mysterious rag. What is lacking in vaudeville numbers will be made up in pictures, as a very select line will be shown tonight.

Johnson-Jeffries at Savoy.
The Savoy will be converted into a motion picture house tonight and tomorrow night, and will feature the Johnson-Jeffries fight. This is a very long film and will be given in six sections. It shows the men working in their training quarters and the various little details a fighter has to go through. It also shows the crowds going to the arena, the impatient populace waiting for the signal from the referee and the fight round for round—in fact every blow that is struck is seen as clear as if it was the original fight instead of a cinematograph transformation. These pictures will prove very interesting to men and women alike, as they give the latter a chance to see that the boxing game is not as bad as some of the other games that are not talked to women folk. That everyone can avail themselves of the opportunity to see these

wonderful pictures the prices have been placed at 10c, 15c and 25c. These pictures will only be shown tonight and tomorrow night, as the theater will go back to vaudeville on Wednesday night with the Musical Reeves and Hughes and Prior on the bill.

WILL SHOW HOW
OTHER HALF LIVES

"Come and be counted at the Public Welfare Exhibit next Monday."

Or if you can't come Monday, a week from today, come any day of the next five thereafter and become acquainted with the city you live in. All of which is the war slogan of the "better city campaigners," who are making their best effort thus far in that exhibition, which is to open at the Panama gymnasium on February 25. There is to be a turnstile erected at the entrance to the exhibition, to which is to be assigned the duty of counting every visitor. Those who had charge of the Kirmess last year, which made the present exhibits possible, are still regretting that they did not count the enormous attendance there, and the oversight will not be repeated.

J. A. Rath and his assistant, W. Spencer Bowen, are now directing their efforts toward securing the largest possible attendance from the poorer classes of the city. For those on the comfortable side of the social demarcation line they have prepared, and induced other societies to prepare, telling exhibits of the exact conditions on the other side of that line, exhibits which cannot fail to be at the most vital interest to all.

Side by side with these, however, will be exhibits prepared for the benefit of those who live in the midst of the conditions pictured. How to live better, cheaper, cleaner and consequently healthier and happier are the great modern lessons taught by the humane science to those who are its beneficiaries and all are to be illustrated at the exhibition.

An illustration of what these will be will be found in a little room on the main floor of the gymnasium which is to be fitted up with furniture made cheaply out of old boxes. A special committee of ladies, of which Mrs. F. J. Lowrey is the chairman, is in charge of preparing this. The idea itself is not entirely new. The proposition of utilizing apparently useless boxes, which can often be secured free from merchants and grocery stores, is one which appealed to the humanitarians, who are doing such great work in the Eastern cities, and is simply being duplicated here.

In spite of this, however, it seems incongruous that the comparatively wealthy should have first thought of this expedient of poverty, or if not of poverty, at least of those farther down in the scale of wealth than themselves. But the idea has been of incalculable benefit, and after Honolulu's poor have studied the placards which will be on every article of furniture in this room telling how it was made and for how much, those benefits cannot help but be extended to Honolulu's tenements.

RICE PLANTER
MAY CAPITULATE

At the legal department of the board of health, a large amount of work is being done that is helping to rid the city of mosquito breeding places. The notices sent out are doing what they are intended for, and the owners of property whereon larvae is found soon get busy upon the receipt of a notice from Deputy Attorney General Lymer.

This morning, at the police court, the case against the manager of the Sheridan street rice plantation was continued till Friday next. Attorney Magoon appeared for the defendant. He stated, in an interview, that while he is not opposed to the board of health in its fight against the mosquitoes, he would not like to see an industry like rice growing injured.

However, as Judge Lymer pointed out that other rice growers are complying with the regulations of the board of health, Magoon said that he would look into the matter and, if he found the facts as stated, he would advise his client to do as the regulations ordered, and drop the case as far as the defense goes.

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